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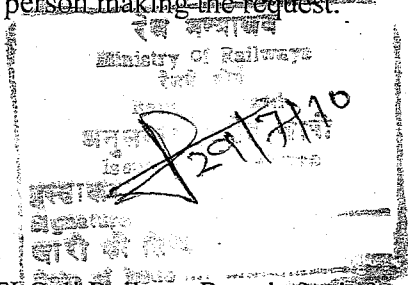
Chief Safety Officers,
All Indian Railway.

Sub: Reports of Accident Inquiry – Request under RTI Act- 2005.

South Central Railway has sought clarification whether accident inquiry reports conducted by both CRS as well as Departmental Inquiry Committee can be made available to general public under RTI Act 2005.

The matter has been examined. Accordingly, it is clarified that under normal circumstances, the reports of accident inquiry conducted by Commissioner of Railway Safety as well as by Departmental Committee can be made available to the general public after acceptance of the report (by Railway Board in case of statutory inquiry conducted by CRS and by Competent authority in case of a departmental inquiry). However, the nodal Ministry for dealing with the statutory accident inquiry reports conducted by Commissioners of Railway Safety is Ministry of Civil Aviation (i.e. Commission of Railway Safety).

Railways are therefore advised that whenever any request is received under RTI Act-2005 asking CRS inquiry report or any information related with CRS inquiry report, the CPIO of the Railway shall transfer the application or such part of it as may be appropriate to Ministry of Civil Aviation (i.e. Commission of Railway Safety) and inform the applicant immediately about such transfer. The accident inquiry reports conducted by Departmental Inquiry Committee shall be given to the public under RTI Act-2005 after acceptance of the report by competent authority provided the inquiry report or a part of it shall not fall within the ambit of provisions contained in section 8 (1) of RTI Act-2005 exempted for disclosure. Some portions of the report, if required to be kept confidential for a specified period of time, the reasons for the same shall be recorded and communicated to the person making the request.



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(Balak Ram Negi)
Joint Director/ Safety,
Railway Board.

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- Copy to: 1. CPIO, RTI Cell Railway Board- for information
2. CPIO of All Zonal Railways- for information
3. Chief Safety Officer/South Central Railway /Secunderabad with reference to his letter No. Safety .157/ Information Act. dt. 12.7.10